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CONVENTION SEEKS \$150,000 by May 4, 1965

The One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention will be held at the Washington Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina, Reverend P. B. Barnett, Pastor. This important meeting of the Convention and its auxiliaries is an attempt to unify and harness all Baptists' resources for the objectives of the Convention and Shaw University.

The General Convention, through churches, associations, and auxiliaries, plans to raise \$100,000.00. The Women's Auxiliaries, through county unions, auxiliaries and unions, plans to raise \$50,000.00.

How can it be done?

President Pitts recommended and the Convention adopted the following plan:

200 churches to give \$1,000.00
200 churches to give 500.00
80 churches to give 200.00

Moderators are to contact their members churches for pledges and gifts. Funds are to be sent in to the Baptist Headquarters and brought to the One Day Session.

The Woman's Convention has set quotas for each member organization.

Quotas For The Shaw University 90-Days Intensive Drive — 1965

Alamance County	\$ 250.00
Alexander County	150.00
Anson County	250.00
Beaufort County	100.00
Bertie, Gates and Hertford Counties	3,500.00
Bladen County	400.00
Brunswick County	200.00
Buncombe County	3,200.00
Cabarrus County	100.00
Caswell County	200.00
Catawba County	200.00
Chatham County	300.00
Cherokee and Clay Counties	200.00
Cleveland County	1,200.00
Columbus County	500.00
Craven County	200.00
Cumberland County	2,000.00
Davidson County	400.00

Davie County	400.00
Duplin County	100.00
Durham County	2,000.00
Edgecombe County	800.00
Forsyth County	4,400.00
Franklin County	1,000.00
Gaston County	1,150.00
Granville County	1,500.00
Greene County	200.00
Guilford County	2,000.00
Halifax County	200.00
Harnett County	500.00
Haywood County	50.00
Henderson and Polk Counties	200.00
Hoke County	100.00
Iredell County	500.00
Jackson County	100.00
Johnston County	950.00
Jones County	100.00
Lee County	300.00
Lenoir County	350.00
Macon and Swain Counties	400.00
Madison County	200.00
Martin County	250.00
Mecklenburg County	3,000.00
Moore County	200.00
Nash County	1,100.00
New Hanover County	1,000.00
Northampton County	500.00
Orange County	500.00
Pasquotank County	100.00
Pender County	500.00
Person County	325.00
Pitt County	200.00
Richmond County	275.00
Robeson County	800.00
Rockingham County	1,150.00

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THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS



Dear Members of the
Baptist Family:

The General Board met March 11 in Raleigh and it was delightful to see so many of you. Since our Convention met, I have been much concerned about our work and your response to the adopted program.

Three things I ask you to remember:

1. The recommendations adopted at the last session. Moderators — "Help Me Somebody"

2. We are not our own, we are bought with a price.

Stand up and be counted for the Cause.

3. Honesty is the best policy. The tenth belongs to God—Give it.

Since last we met I have been to Florida taking some much needed rest. Upon my return I was guest at two fine mass meetings where ministers and laymen from several associations and counties gathered.

The first was at First Baptist, Lumberton, pastored by that leader of men, Dr. E. Burns Turner. The second was at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, pastored by that keen, intelligent and dynamic leader, Dr. J. Ray Butler. Both meetings were tops in every way. I shall be with Reverend Creecy, Rich Square, very soon. Thanks Brethren for your hospitality and interest in the Lord's work.

The following recommendations were presented to the General Board:

1. That the Convention give back to Shaw the Capital Debt. This came at the suggestion of President Cheek so that the legal aspects of this arrangement can be put in proper order. It does not mean any lessening of support by the Convention.

2. Study the feasibility of converting the Book Store space into a study chapel. This space could be a valuable asset to the community.

3. Study the feasibility of adding a second story to the Headquarters building. A part of this space could be used as dormitory space for convention personnel and other useful projects.

4. Dr. Grigg and Dr. Sherrill have an opportunity and privilege to go to Central America on a preaching study tour. The Baptist Convention will send Dr. Grigg, I recommend that we send Dr. Sherrill. The cost—\$600.00.

The Board accepted all four recommendations and will recommend same to the Convention on May 4.

Now meet me May 4 at Washington Baptist Church. We have not been there before so let us go and let the people see the convention in action.

By all means and at all cost don't let me down and don't let God down. LET US REACH OUR GOAL.

Your humble servant,
R. Mack Pitts, *President*

COMPANION CHURCHES

Churches in the Charlotte Community are exploring the idea of "Companion Churches" on an interracial basis. The companion church idea arose out of a need for a church to church relationship other than finance.

A number of Negro and White pastors together with laymen from each participating church are meeting together to implement the idea.

When its perfected, Negro and White churches, as we refer to them, will work on an inter-church, inter-community basis. Fellowship services, study groups, exchange of pulpits, joint-board meetings and social functions will be planned and executed together.

Woman's Page-----



Baptist Sisters of North Carolina,
Greetings:

For several weeks now I have been at the bedside of my daughter in Washington, D. C. I say my daughter because God entrusted her to our care and my late husband and I nurtured her to maturity. As many of you know, she has been very ill and I thank you for your many, many prayers. Continue to pray for her and me, for only God can sustain us in times like these.

Now a word about our work. You have been more than kind. You have responded to our every appeal without fail. But, Sisters, we need you now as never before. Thank you so much for the past, now I call on you for the present.

You have the program and the quotas for each area. All I ask is work as never before. Let us not fall one cent short of our \$50,000.00. If anything, let us go over it.

If you pray and work, God will richly reward us. Meet us May 4 in Waco, N. C.

As soon as I am able, I want you to relive my recent trip abroad with me. Each month we will visit one of the areas where I was privileged to go. I will try to put in words what my eyes saw, ears heard and my heart felt. The Baptist Informer will carry the series.

May God's richest blessings rest on you all until we meet in the One Day Session May 4.

Yours for the Cause,
M. A. Horne, *President*

SELF DENIAL PLEA

All persons holding certificates in the Alumni of Religious Promotion, Shaw University, are requested to make a special self denial gift to Shaw by the first week in June.

President J. L. Williamson, Dr. Cheek and Dr. Alston are urging all members to contribute five dollars (\$5.00) instead of the usual one (\$1.00).

Funds from the men are to be sent direct to Dr. Cheek's office at Shaw University, and the women are to send all funds to Dr. Alston's office, P. O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N. C.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THE MONTH

OF FEBRUARY, 1965

THROUGH THE OFFICE OF WOMAN'S BAPTIST

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY

CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

HOME MISSIONS

Undesignated	\$ 440.98
Institutes	261.00
District Conferences	12.76
Building Fund	1.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Undesignated	14.00
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DESIGNATED GIFTS

Shaw Committee—Drive	36.00
Orphanage	6.00

SALES AND SERVICES

Mimeograph work	2.00
Books	44.97
Ball Pens	8.00
Helpers	480.01
Guide-Handbooks	13.10
Rent	84.60

TOTAL \$1,404.42

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE

EXECUTIVE OFFICE—GENERAL BAPTIST

STATE CONVENTION OF N. C., INC.

FEBRUARY, 1965

Foreign Missions	\$1,502.61
Shaw University	929.72
Scholarships	500.00
Divinity School	10.00
The Oxford Orphanage	408.95

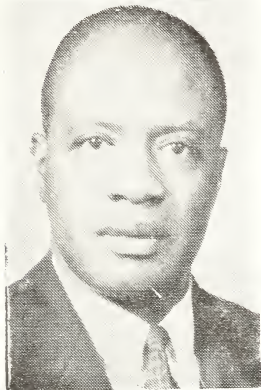
STATE MISSIONS:

Designated—Unified	2,534.42
Building Fund	11.00
Baptist Convention	250.00
Baptist Informer	15.00

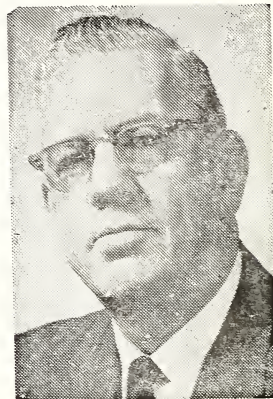
OTHER RECEIPTS:

Woman's Convention (bldg. use)	267.67
Designated Gifts	337.00
Current Operation	1,795.79
(Shaw University)	
Re-deposit	16.00

GRAND TOTAL \$8,578.06



TEAM WILL VISIT MISSION FIELD



Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and Dr. W. R. Grigg, Secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will leave Raleigh by plane in the afternoon on March 28 for a three weeks mission tour of Central America which will include a week's preaching mission in three English-speaking churches in Bluefields, Nicaragua. They will return to Raleigh on April 17.

Plans also include visiting Baptist Mission Work in Mexico, Guatamala, Hondouras, Costa Rica, Panama, Canal Zone, and Jamaica. They will have the opportunity of visiting with North Carolinian families and other friends who live and serve as Missionaries in various fields in this area.

These servants of our Conventions will appreciate your prayers to the end that this tour will be of great service to whomever they may have the opportunity to minister.

Governor's Committee On Aging

The spotlight will be on aging during the week of May 2-8, 1965, North Carolina's Special Week on Aging. For the eighth year, a week is set aside for the recognition of the State's 344,000 citizens who are 65 years of age or older. The week will also highlight the services and the resources available to senior citizens.

County committees on aging throughout the State will again sponsor special events. Among the events planned are open houses for nursing homes and homes for the aged, picnics, concerts, bus trips, special exhibits of handicrafts, luncheons, and many other activities in which the older citizen can take an active part.

Last year, one of the counties sponsored a tour of the local airport and plane rides for those who wanted them. Many of the oldsters had never flown before.

This week also stresses further study of the needs of older citizens and provision of more opportunities for community service, for suitable living arrangements, for employment opportunities, for recreation activities, for Social Security and other benefits for the aged citizen.

The Special Week on Aging observance started in 1958 under Governor Luther H. Hodges and has continued each year since that time.

Special Week on Aging—The Special Week on Aging is a time set aside each year to recognize

the contributions of our older citizens and to inform the public of the services and resources available to senior citizens.

Background—North Carolina first focused its attention on aging in 1950 when the first national Conference on Aging was held. The following year, under the late Governor Kerr Scott, a Governor's Conference on Aging was held in Raleigh. In 1956, the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging was established. In 1958, under Governor Luther H. Hodges, the first Special Week on Aging was celebrated. Each year since that time, a Special Week on Aging has been designated by the Governor.

Events—During the Special Week on Aging churches are asked to recognize their older members, many mayors proclaim the Week, open houses are held in nursing homes and homes for the aged, special tours, picnics, outings of all kinds, art and craft shows, luncheons, and other events are sponsored by county committees on aging or other interested individuals and groups. Newspapers report the events as do radio and television stations.

Facts on Aging—There are now 18 million men and women in this country who are 65 years of age or older. Of this number, 12,000 have passed the century mark. In North Carolina, there are now 344,000 who are 65 years of age or older.

Christian Education Department News

In an effort to fulfill the total ministry of the church in meeting the needs of the Young People, who receive on an average of less than fifty hours of Bible study in Sunday School per year, the Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention is urging all of the local churches of the Convention to begin planning now for a Vacation Bible School for its young people.

The Aim of the Vacation Bible School, among other things, is designed to do the following things:

1. To lead boys and girls to an adequate, satisfying knowledge of the living God.

2. To help boys and girls understand how they can make real the redemptive power of Jesus Christ in their own lives—to accept Christ as their own personal Saviour.

3. To guide boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Holy Ghost so that they are conscious of his guidance and help in all their living.

4. To acquaint boys and girls with the Bible as the book to be used to find the answers to their every problem both now and through life.

5. To furnish a climate for learning spiritual truths and their application to the reality of the everyday world.

6. To provide experiences which develop the whole personality—physical, mental, social, and spiritual.

7. To cultivate habits of worship and devotion, especially prayer and to help them get rid of undesirable habits.

8. To deepen the friendship of the pupils with their pastor.

9. To help the pupils to a better knowledge of and love for the church its work, of the denomination and its activities, and of the community and its religious life.

10. To fix love as the growing principle of all human relationships.

11. To help boys and girls to realize that growing in grace and a knowledge of our Lord is an adventure to which they can dedicate the whole of their lives.

12. To know that though they will encounter trouble, temptation, sorrow, defeat and frustration, they have the means to live victoriously in Christ.

The Director of Christian Education is requesting that all reports of the institutes be sent to the

Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention, that we may know what we are doing together for Christian growth and progress.

C. C. Craig, *Interim Director*

WHERE THEY MEET

May 4—One Day Session, Washington Baptist Church, R.F.D., Waco

June 7-13—World Baptist Congress, Miami, Florida

June 14-20—National Baptist Sunday School Congress, U. S. A., Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 14-20—National Baptist Sunday School Congress of America

June 14-20—Progressive National Baptist Sunday School Congress, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham

June 25-30—Baptist World Congress, Miami Beach, Florida

July 13-15—State Ushers Convention, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham

August 3-5—State S. S. & B. T. U. Convention, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

August 10-13—Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

August 31-September 3—Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Richmond, Virginia

September 6-12—National Baptist Convention of America, U. S. A., Inc., Jacksonville, Florida

September 6-12—National Convention of America, Houston, Texas

September 6-12—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

November 8-12—Laymen League & General Baptist State Convention, Shaw University, Raleigh

CONVENTION SEEKS

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Rowan County	400.00
Sampson County	500.00
Stokes County	100.00
Scotland County	300.00
Stanly County	150.00
Union County	800.00
Vance County	550.00
Transylvania County	50.00
Wake County	3,000.00
Warren County	500.00
Wayne County	500.00
Wilkes County	250.00
Wilson County	500.00
Yadkin County	100.00
Yancey County	75.00

AUXILIARIES

Alexander Union Association Auxiliary ..	250.00
Bear Creek	200.00
Beulah	200.00
Brunswick-Waccamaw	100.00
Cedar Grove West Convention	150.00
Chowan-Roanoke Woman's Auxiliary	100.00
County Line	75.00
Daughters of Zion	
of Middle District Association	250.00
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Deep River	100.00
East Cedar Grove	200.00
East Cedar Grove Federation	100.00
Ebenezer	300.00
Friendship	300.00
Gaston	300.00
Greensboro—Winston-Salem	25.00
Gold Hill	25.00
Halifax North Bound	300.00
Hammonds Creek	250.00
High Point	100.00
Hyde County	200.00
Johnston County	800.00
Kenansville	100.00
Lane Creek	100.00
Lumber River	250.00
Mecklenburg General	250.00
Middle District	350.00
Mountain and Catawba	350.00
Mount Peace	100.00
Mud Creek	100.00
Neuse River	200.00
New Era	100.00
New Home, Durham	300.00
New Hope	100.00
Northampton	200.00
Old Eastern	100.00
Original Shiloh	100.00
Pee Dee	200.00
Reedy Creek	75.00

Rowan	500.00
Saint John	100.00
Shiloh	50.00
Southeastern Convention	50.00
Trent River	50.00
Union of Cedar Grove	100.00
United Eastern District Convention	100.00
Wake County	300.00
Waynesville	100.00
Western N. C. District No. 2	
Educational Union Woman's Aux.	200.00
West Roanoke Woman's Union	500.00
Western Union Daughters of Zion	300.00
Woman's Eastern Carolina	
Progressive M. B. Assn. Aux.	350.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Ministers	
and Deacons Union	50.00
Woman's Auxiliary, King's Mountain	75.00
Yadkin-Davie Woman's Auxiliary	75.00
Yadkin-Valley	20.00
Yadkin-Philadelphia	200.00
Zion Baptist Assn. Woman's Auxiliary	100.00

When the Convention met in November, the Capital Debt for Shaw was \$181,112.11. President Cheek asked the Convention for \$100,000.00 for Current expenses, making a total of \$281,112.22. It was learned also that the Convention, at that time, was paying \$8,000.00 per year in interest alone.

President Pitts stated, that with full cooperation on the part of all concerned, we will be able to give Shaw \$100,000.00, pay off the Capital Debt and operate the State Headquarters.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Salisbury area, take Highway 150 to Waco. Turn left on Highway 1001 two miles to church.

Asheville area, take 74 east to Shelby, take Highway 150 to Waco, turn right to church.

From Monroe area, take Highway 74 west to Bethware school, six miles near Kings Mountain take Highway 1001 right to church.

From Statesville area, take Highway 18 to Shelby, turn right on 150 to Waco, turn right at Waco to church.

AGENTS WANTED

The Baptist Informer is seeking agents from every county in North Carolina. Persons interested should write: Baptist Informer, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Anyone applying should be members in good standing of a Baptist Church and should have a letter of recommendation from their pastor.

DR. CHEEK LAYS IT ON THE LINE

Dr. James E. Cheek, President of Shaw University, in addressing the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention March 11, had this to say—

The Southern Association of Secondary schools and colleges has given Shaw until October of 1965 to do the following:

1. Present a reasonable and workable plan, adopted by the General Convention to assure Shaw of financial support from the Convention of \$125,000.00 per year.

2. Increase the current budget by \$87,000.00.

Dr. Cheek further stated that Shaw could not have a deficit of any nature, for its current operation if she is to maintain her status in the Southern Association, which means the Alumni, friends and the Convention must carry their share of the responsibility.

If Shaw loses her accreditation the following will take place immediately—

1. Shaw will be dropped from the United Negro College Fund. This fund contributes approximately \$50,000.00 to current operations and \$200,000.00 toward present building program.
2. Shaw will not have access to Government Funds and grants.
3. Shaw could not apply for or get Grants and Loans for buildings.

An unaccredited school in North Carolina cannot exist. Thus if Shaw loses accreditation, THE DOORS WILL CLOSE and SHAW will be NO MORE.

Dr. Cheek stated that he and the association were a little puzzled—"Why can't the oldest institution of its kind, with all its glory and grandeur, get the support it needs?"

What is the picture at Shaw now?

Shaw's current operational budget is \$93,535.00. Sources of funds to meet the budget:

a. Tuition and comprehensive fees ..	\$344,175.00
b. Room and Board charges	246,910.00
c. Endowment	20,000.00
d. United Negro College Fund	45,000.00

TOTAL \$656,085.00

The balance of \$247,450.00 must come from the churches, alumni and friends.

Monthly bills:

a. Payroll	\$ 42,475.00
b. Food	8,500.00
c. Utilities	2,800.00
d. General Expense	16,000.00

TOTAL \$ 69,775.00

Of this amount needed each month, only approximately \$20,000.00 is collected from students. From some source the President must find \$49,775.00 each month.

The hour of challenge is here. Almost 100 years of service stands on the brink of disaster. Shadows are deepening and the light of hope is fading.

What of the future? Is there a future for Shaw? The answer cannot be found at the institution. The answer can only be found in the Alumni Association, churches and friends who love or say they love Shaw.

What we do or do not do here and now will determine whether our children will rise up and bless us or curse us. Is this the end of an era or the beginning of one? The decision rests with us.

1965 JAMES F. WERTZ BTU ORATORICAL CONTEST

Subjects and rules for the 1965 James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest.

Subjects to be used are:

- "WITH CHRIST AFTER THE LOST"
- "MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A CHURCH MEMBER"
- "A MORE EXCELLENT WAY"
- "THE CHRISTIAN AND RACE PROBLEMS"
- "FOR CHRIST THROUGH HIS CHURCH"
- "ALL THAT I AM AND HAVE"
- "THE TASKS OF MY CHURCH"
- "WORSHIP: A TASK OF THE CHURCH"
- "EDUCATION: A TASK OF THE CHURCH"
- "MORE THAN CHURCHGOING"

Rules for the contest:

1. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
2. Each contestant must compose his own speech. It is permissible to quote from materials gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for quoted material.
3. Each contestant will have six minutes.
4. Each contestant must learn his own speech. Reading from a paper is not permissible.
5. Each contestant will be judged on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25%, Composition 25%, and Delivery 50%, for a possible total score of 100%.
6. The two top winners will receive scholarships

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ORATORICAL CONTEST

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to Shaw University, cash prizes if they do not wish to attend Shaw University.

7. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director. The contest is open to high school graduates, and college freshmen who are active BTU members.
8. Each female contestant should wear a white dress.
9. During the contest there should be no moving.
10. Names of the contestants will be given after report of judges.
11. Non-winning contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
12. State BTU Song is to be sung before the Oratorical Contest.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest sponsored as a part of the State BTU Convention. This, not only, is an opportunity, but a privilege. Churches, Associations and District Conventions can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, county-wide contests, district contests would compete at the state level. This would not only make it interesting but challenging as well.

The 1965 JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST will be held during the annual meeting of the State Sunday School and BTU Conventions, August 3-5, 1965 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

National Congress

The National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., will hold its 1966 session with the Baptist Churches of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. J. A. White, Chairman of the entertainment committee, stated that plans are being made to give the congress its best reception.

For information regarding the Congress, write Dr. J. A. White, 3201 Burbank Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Come To WACO, N. C.

ON

MAY 4, 1965

FOR THE

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